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MESSAGE:

Ms. Oropeza,

Per our phone conversation, enclosed herewith is a copy of the preliminary amendment and amendment transmittal.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-220-4258. Teresa Lavenue

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Docket No.:10406/16

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : M. PAMELA GRIFFIN et al
SERIAL NO. : 09/770,653
FILING DATE : January 29, 2001
FOR : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE EARLY DIAGNOSIS
OF SUBACUTE, POTENTIALLY CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS
GROUP ART UNIT : 3762
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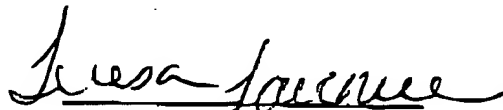
Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4258 to discuss any information concerning this application.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MADAME:

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

69. An apparatus for early detection of subacute, potentially catastrophic infectious illness in a patient comprising:
- (a) a monitoring device, continuously monitoring heart rate variability in the patient; and
 - (b) a microprocessor, identifying at least one characteristic abnormality in the heart rate variability that is associated with the illness.